AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A biodegradable inhalable microparticle composition useful for the target specific drug delivery to manage pulmonary tuberculosis, said composition consisting of anti-tubercular drugs Rifabutin and Isoniazid, and a biodegradable polymer for drug delivery wherein the ratio of drug(s): polymer is from about 1:2 to 2:1, and wherein the ~~two anti-tubercular drugs are used in a~~ ratio of Rifabutin to Isoniazid is about 1:2 to 2:1,

wherein the size of the microparticles ranges between 1-15 microns, and

wherein at least 90% of the microparticles are less than 10 microns in size.

2.-4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): The microparticle composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer is selected from a group comprising polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, poly(lactic acid–co-glycolic acid), polysebacic anhydride, polycaprolactone or mixtures thereof.

6. (previously presented): The microparticle composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer is polylactic acid.

7.-22. (canceled).